Docket No. 7003/45 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Applicants: Stephan Ludwig, et al. Application No.: 10/550,856 03/24/2004 Int'l filing Date: Title: CASPASE INHIBITORS, ESPECIALLY CASPASE 3 INHIBITORS, FOR THE TREATMENT OF INFLUENZA Examiner: Unassigned Group Art: Unassigned Confirmation No.: 6403 Docket: 7003/45 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) MAIL STOP AMENDMENT **Commissioner For Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 SIR: In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08 and/or subsequently identified herein, are being submitted herewith for consideration by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. I. COPIES A legible copy of (i) each foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed, is included herewith. Any patents, publications or other information which are listed on PTO/SB/08 which are b. 🔲 not enclosed herewith were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120: U.S. Filing Date U.S. Serial Number CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box) 11. а. П

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